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**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST LANDED.  
THE FOLLOWING  
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Soft-Shell ALMONDS.  
Meat FRUITS.  
Crystallized FRUITS.

FRUITS in Syrup.  
Imperial PLUMS.  
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COCAQUES.

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CONDENSED MILK.  
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FAIRBANK'S SCALES.  
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THE USUAL ASSORTMENT  
of  
**OILMAN'S STORES,**  
AND  
**WINES,**  
at the  
Lowest Possible Prices  
FOR CASH.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

**Insurance.**  
LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.  
(FIRE AND LIFE.)  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STEELING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.  
Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.  
If required, protection will be granted on  
first class lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
**ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,**  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

**NOTICE.**  
**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.**

THE Underigned are prepared to accept  
Bills on First Class Godowns at 1  
per cent. net premium per annum.  
**NORTON & Co., Agents.**  
Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 939

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underigned, Agents of the above  
Company, are authorized to issue  
Policies at Current Rates.  
**GILMAN & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

**THE LON ASSURANCE.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George the Third,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—  
**Marine Department.**  
Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London, or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.  
**Fire Department.**  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.  
**Life Department.**  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
Hongkong, July 26, 1872. 496

**SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**  
**HEAD OFFICE—SINGAPORE.**

WE are prepared to GRANT POLICIES  
against FIRE on usual terms at  
Current Rates.  
All Contributors of business, whether Share-  
holders or not, are entitled to Share in the  
Bonus.  
**ADAMSON, BEIL & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July, 1885. 1239

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, HAM-  
BURG, SINGAPORE & MANILA.

THE S.S. *Normanton*, Captain *Drake*,  
having arrived from the above Ports,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed  
that their Goods are being landed and stored  
at their risk, into the Godowns of the  
Underigned, whence and/or from the  
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded, un-  
less notice to the contrary be given before  
5 p.m. To-day, the 30th Instant.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
7th December will be subject to rest.  
No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left our Godowns.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SIRMSSEN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1885. 2079

**STEAMSHIP IRAOUADY.**  
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**  
**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships  
*Gange, Juvetay and Marie*, from Lon-  
don, Antwerp, Bordeaux and Havre, in con-  
nection with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods—with the excep-  
tion of Optum, Treasures and Valuables—are  
being landed and stored at their risk at the  
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may  
be obtained immediately after landing.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before 10 a.m. To-day (Monday), requesting  
it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Underigned.  
Goods remaining undelivered after Mon-  
day, the 7th December, at Noon, will be  
subject to rest, and landing charges at 1  
cent per package per diem.  
All Claims must be sent in to me on or  
before THURSDAY, the 10th December, or  
they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1885. 2073

**Not Responsible for Debts.**  
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

AVANT-INDIAN, British barque, Captain  
Th. Richter.—Chinese.  
B. H. STEENKES, German brig, Captain  
Ch. Meyer.—Melchers & Co.  
DARTMOUTH, British barque, Capt. Benj.  
Fiction.—Melchers & Co.  
GEORGE, British barque, Capt. William  
Grant.—Captain.  
ISAAC REED, American ship, Capt. E. C.  
Colley.—Order.  
LUCILE, American barque, Captain C. M.  
Laurence.—Melchers & Co.  
MEMOUR, British brigantine, Capt. Wm.  
Dick.—Master.  
NANAIMO, British barque, Captain John  
Dodd.—Russell & Co.  
TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allen.  
Russell & Co.  
TORO, British barque, Captain Robert  
Creighton.—Gillman & Co.  
VENTURA, Span. barque, Capt. Urisandi.  
Remedios & Co.

**WASHING BOOKS.**  
(In English and Chinese.)  
**WASSERMAN'S BOOKS**, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can be  
had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
**CHINA MAIL Office.**

## Mails.

## NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**  
**PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.**  
**STEAM FOR**  
**SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,**  
**COLOMBO, ADEEN, SUEZ,**  
**PORT SAID,**  
**MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK  
SEA PORTS,**  
**NAPLES, MARSSEILLE, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;**  
**AS**  
**BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,**  
**LONDON AND ANTWERP.**

ON TUESDAY, the 15th December,  
1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S.  
*MEZOURNE*, Commanded by M. A. Mica-  
el, will sail for SAIGON, SINGAPORE,  
SUEZ, and MALACCA, PASSENGERS,  
SPELLE, and CARGO, will leave this Port  
for the above places.  
Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and as-  
signed in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Passes until 3 p.m. on the  
14th December, 1885. (Passes are not to  
be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agents' Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.  
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2093

**To-day's Advertisements.**

**UNION LINE.**  
**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
**FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

THE Steamship *Stannore*, Captain  
*Devreux*, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to  
the Underigned for countersignature, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods  
from alongside.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Steamer will be at once landed and stored  
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no  
Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to  
Japan, unless notice to the contrary be given  
before Noon To-day, 3rd December.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Underigned on or before  
the 10th Instant, or they will not be re-  
cognised.  
**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2099

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
**STEAMSHIP INDEPENDENT.**  
**FROM ANTWERP, BORDEAUX AND  
SAIGON.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby re-  
quested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Underigned for countersig-  
nature, and to take immediate delivery of  
their Goods from alongside.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Steamer will be at once landed and stored  
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no  
Fire Insurance will be effected.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Underigned immediately,  
or they will not be recognised.  
**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2108

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Batavia, &c., via Saigon.	Celebes (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About December 5.
Bombay, via Straits.	Sumatra (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 12, at 2 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Telamon (s).	Jackson	Butterfield & Swire.	December 8, at 4 p.m.
London, and Ports of Call.	Ravenna (s).	P. H. Seymour	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About December 10.
London, via Suez Canal.	Glenavon (s).	Dickson	Remondin & Co.	December 4, at 5 p.m.
Manila.	Alcega (s).	Talbot	Russell & Co.	December 7, at noon.
Manilla, via Amoy.	Zedro (s).	Minot	Russell & Co.	December 7, at noon.
Marseilles, &c., via Saigon.	Hilbourne (s).	de la Marcella	Messageries Maritimes.	December 15, at noon.
New York.	South American.	Frank Fowler	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Saigon.	Prova (s).	Sorensen	Boy Sing	December 7.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	Gaelio (s).	City of Rio de Janeiro (s).	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	December 9, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	Palmyra	Butterfield & Swire.	Russell & Co.	December 4, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Essex (s).	Batt.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	December 4, at 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	Douglas (s).	Young	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Dec. 6, at daylight.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui.	Amatista (s).	Hamlin	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	December 16, at 4 p.m.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	Woosang (s).	Arthur	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 6, at daylight.
Victoria (British Columbia).	Victoria	Dodd	Russell & Co.	About December 13.
Yokohama and Kobe.	Nanaimo	Benalder (s).	Waring	

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Portion per Last Report.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
<b>BANKS.</b>						
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	125	125	\$ 5,779.22	2 half year	168 1/2 prem., cash
<b>INSURANCE.</b>						
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	200	200	£ 461,023.02	10 %	£ 300 per share
Yonghe Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	2	2	60,000		£ 122 " cash
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	2,000	1,235	125	534,000		£ 430 " ex div.
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.35	25	610,000	18 % p annum	£ 82 " cash, ex div.
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	260	50	155,000	10 %	£ 80 " "
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,000	200	28,711.50	Credit balance	£ 160 " ex div., buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	800,608.66	29,568.07 2/3 for 1883	£ 377 1/2 " cash, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	647,000	191,000.95 5/6 for 1883	£ 377 1/2 " cash
<b>STEAM COMPANIES.</b>						
H.K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	75	206,236.55	4,593.98 1/2 half year	50 prem., cash
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	50	85,754.10	402.22 1/2 year-end	Par
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	1,387 1/2	10 1/2	10			6 % discount, cash
60,000 shares issued	31,212 1/2	10 1/2	10			
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>						
H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	125	125	18,000	4,250.01 1/2 half year	69 % prem., cash, buyers
H.K. & China Gas Co., Limited.	5,000	10	10	8,652.17 1/4		
New Shares.	1,000	10	10			
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	2,000	100	100		2,238.70	Old, 61 1/2, \$155 per share ex div.
China Sugar Company, Limited.	1,000	100	100		13,274.03 1/4	Nov. 82
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	1,200	100	100		235.30	£ 100 per share, cash, sellers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	800	50	50	4,000	442.11 3/10	£ 126 " "
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	100	100		829.09 3/8	£ 78 " "
Perak Tin Mining & S'ing Co.	5,000	50	50			£ 80 " nominal
Selangore Tin Mining Co. (S'ing).	2,500	100	100			£ 81 1/2 " cash
Panjoon & Sanghio Due Saman	40,000	10	6			£ 84 " "
Mining Co.	8,000	50	50			£ 83 " cash
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	8,000	50	50			£ 83 " "
<b>LOANS.</b>						
Chinese Imperial 1881	8,587 1/2	500	all		8 %	June 16 & Dec. 16
" 1884	270	500	all		8 %	March 15
" 1884	270	500	all		8 %	June 30
" 1884	270	500	all		8 %	Oct. 15
Sugar Debentures 1880	600	500	all		8 %	June & Decem.

A. G. STOKES, Share Broker.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

**FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.**  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates)  
FOR NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW  
OHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and  
Ports on the YANGTZE.)  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Defiance*,  
Captain BARR, will be  
despatched as above TO-  
MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2098

**THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.**  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Zufiro*,  
Captain TALBOT, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at  
5 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2100

**STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.**  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
*Sunatra*,  
will leave for the above  
places on SATURDAY, the 12th Instant,  
at 2 p.m.  
**A. MOYER,**  
Superintendent.  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2101

**'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.**  
The Steamship  
*Ben*,  
Captain WARRICK, will be  
despatched as above on  
or about the 13th Instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2104

**NOTICE.**

THE Steamship *Wah Yeung* will  
RUN regularly between Hongkong  
and Canton EVERY SUNDAY, TUES-  
DAY and THURSDAY, at 5.30 p.m.,  
commencing on SUNDAY, the 6th Instant.  
Messrs. ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co. will  
act as Agents at Canton.

**SHING KEE.**  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2102

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.**

THE Company's S.S. *Wingang* having ar-  
rived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Underigned  
for countersignature, and to take im-  
mediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-  
ing on board after the 7th Instant will be  
at once landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2096

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

December 2, 1885.—  
Morry, British steamer, 1,499, W. S.  
Dunbar, Nagasaki November 23, Coal and  
General.—ADAMSON, BEIL & Co.  
Benjara, British steamer, 1,482, Chas.  
Amoy December 1, General.—Gins, Living-  
ston & Co.  
Independent, German steamer, 781, A.  
Haemmel, Hamburg via Singapore, Sai-  
gon and Haiphong November 30, General.  
—MELCHERS & Co.

December 3.—  
Hector, British steamer, 1,590, Batt.  
Liverpool October 19, and Singapore Nov.  
20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Wingang, British steamer, 1,398, A. de  
St. Croix, Calcutta Nov. 15, and Singapore  
26, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Sunatra, British steamer, 1,407, W. D.  
G. Worcester, R.N.P., Bombay November  
14, and Singapore, General.—P. & O. S. N.  
Co.  
Stannore, British steamer, 1,368, De-  
vareux, London October 8, and Singapore  
November 20, General.—KUSSELL & Co.  
China, German steamer, 618, T. P.  
Ulders, Saigon November 27, Rice and  
General.—CHINESE.  
Masalia, German steamer, 1,203, G.  
Peterson, Kobe November 27, General.  
—SIRMSSEN & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**  
December 3.—  
Signal, for Hoihow, &c.  
Melita, for Hoihow and Haiphong.  
Yangtze, for Shanghai.

**CLEARED.**  
Calcutta, for Calcutta.  
S. D. Carleton, for New York.  
Normanton, for Shanghai.  
Cheong Hock Kien, for Swatow.  
Douglas, for Coast Ports.  
S'ing, for Nagasaki.  
Loire Inferieure, for Haiphong.

**PASSING.**  
AMUW.  
Per Benjara, from Amoy, 200 Chinese.  
Per Hector, from Singapore, 109 Chinese.  
Per Wingang, from Calcutta, 57, 688  
Chinese.  
Per Sunatra, from Singapore, 57, 688  
Chinese.  
Per China, from Saigon, Messrs. Chelien,  
Voltaire, and 92 Chinese.  
Per Masalia, from Kobe, Mr. and Miss  
Donitz and 3 children, and Mr. Schrupf.  
DEPARTED.

Per Tannadine, for Singapore, &c., Mrs.  
Mawhood, and 90 Chinese.  
Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.  
Per Signal, for Hoihow, &c., 150 Chinese.  
Per Melita, for Hoihow, &c., 150 Chinese.  
To DEPART.  
Per Cheong Hock Kien, for 422 Chinese.  
Per Douglas, for Coast Ports, 4 Euro-  
peans, and 520 Chinese.  
Per Loire Inferieure, for Haiphong, 12  
Chinese.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
The British steamer *Benjara* reports:  
Left Amoy 2 p.m., December 1st, had a  
fine weather passage. Arrived at Hong-  
kong 10 p.m., December 2nd.  
The British steamer *Hector* reports:  
Had moderate monsoon from Singapore to  
Hongkong.  
The British steamer *Wingang* reports:  
From Calcutta to Penang, and Singapore,  
had moderate and variable winds with fine  
weather. From Singapore to Hongkong,  
at first light North-easterly and N.E. winds  
gradually increasing and hauling N.E. by  
thence strong monsoon with blinding rain  
and wind squalls, and high land sea, mod-  
erate towards port to light N.E. breeze and  
beautifully clear weather.  
The British steamer *Sunatra* reports:  
Fine weather throughout; experienced  
moderate N.E. monsoon, from 3 p.m. 15 N.,  
100° 38' E.  
The German steamer *China* reports:  
Very strong monsoon the first two days,  
and a very high sea, rain the rest, fresh  
breeze, moderate sea, clear weather.  
The German steamer *Masalia* reports:  
Had fine weather with light southerly  
winds.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**  
MAILS will close:—  
For NAGASAKI and YOKOHAMA—  
For S'ing, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the  
4th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.  
For SAIGON.—  
For Triumph, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 4th inst., instead of as previous-  
ly notified.  
For AMOY & SHANGHAI—  
For Hector, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the  
4th inst.  
For MANILA.—  
For Rosalia, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 4th inst.  
For SWATOW, AMOY and TAMSUI.—  
For Amoy, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 5th inst.  
For AMOY and MANILA.—  
For Zafro, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the  
7th inst.  
For CALOUTTA.—  
The departure of S. S. *Chatterton* is in-  
definitely postponed.  
For NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-  
HAMA.—  
Per Teteran, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the  
10th December.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKETS.**  
The British Packet *Revenna*  
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the  
8th Dec., with Mails for the United  
Kingdom, Europe, and Southern In-  
dian, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settle-  
ments, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India,  
Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.  
The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

**HOURS OF CLOSING.**  
The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by the British Packet  
Company:—  
Day of Departure.—  
Noon.—Money Order Office closes.  
2 p.m.—Registry of Letters, &c., closes.  
Posting of all printed matter and  
patterns ceases.  
3 p.m.—Mail closed, except for Late  
Letters.  
3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with  
Late Post of 10 cents until  
3.30 p.m.—When the Post Office closes  
entirely.  
3.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted  
on board the packet with Late  
Post of 10 cents until time of  
departure.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Rio  
de Janeiro* will be despatched on WED-  
NESDAY, the 3rd Dec., with Mails  
for Japan, San Francisco, the United  
States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru,  
&c., which will be closed as follows:—  
2.15 p.m.—Registry closes.  
2.30 p.m.—Post-Office closes, but Corre-  
spondence may be posted on board the  
Packet with Late Post of 10 cents extra  
Postage until the time of departure.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKETS.

The French Contract Packet *Malbourn*  
will be despatched on TUESDAY,  
the 15th December, with Mails to the  
United Kingdom, Europe, and places  
beyond, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
India (via Madras), the Australian  
Colonies, Aden, and the Cape,  
Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.  
The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.



Force	1
Weather	b
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 3, 1884	



On clause 25, providing that the rates should be applied in payment of the police establishment, of the expenses connected with lighting the City of Victoria, in maintaining the water works, and in maintaining the fire engines, the Chief Justice said that in the old Ordinance it was provided the rates should not exceed certain amounts. Now that that provision was done away with and the Council might fix the rates at any figure they thought proper, this section appeared unnecessary, as the rate might be fixed at a higher figure than was necessary for the services mentioned.

The Attorney-General proposed to leave the section out.

Hon. P. Ryrie—I hold the proceeds should be applied to those purposes for which the rates are levied and nothing

The Attorney-General—There is no doubt that this year the proceeds of the rates will not be more than sufficient to cover the objects mentioned in the section. If there should ever be any danger of our rates being more than is wanted it will be open to the Council to make reductions.

Hon. T. Jackson—I was on the point of proposing that the municipal rates be applied to the general revenue of the colony.

The Attorney-General—That is opposed as directly as possible to the proposal of my hon. friend Mr Ryrie.

Hon. P. Byrnie—Quite so. That is what we object to in the light dues. They were imposed to pay for the lights, and now there is a large revenue derived from them. I consider it bad legislation.

The Attorney-General—I would suggest that under these circumstances the best way is to strike the clause out.

The Chief Justice—The clause as it stands is of no manner of use. Formerly the rates were restricted to the expenses of the police, water supply, and lighting. Then the clause was essential. Now that there is no such restriction the clause is

utterly useless. The object of the present legislation is to put the matter in the hands of the Legislative Council instead of leaving it in the hands of the Governor-in-Council. The Governor-in-Council could not assess for the expense of any establishment more than a certain amount. Now that that clause has gone this clause is of no use.

The clause was omitted.

On section 20, which provides for the refund of rates on unoccupied tenements.

Hon. T. Jackson asked if this section would apply to tenements at the Peak,

The Colonial Treasurer—Tenements at the Peak come under the same rule as is applied under the Imperial Assessment Act to pleasure houses, or show places as they are called, that is, houses which the owners fix up for show, whether to the public or to their friends. All such houses, although unoccupied, are assessed. That is the rule in Great Britain, and the same practice has been followed here. The houses at the Peak have been looked upon as pleasure houses, or show places, and

although only occupied for half the year, still they are furnished, and it is not contemplated to make any refund on account of these houses.

**The Chief Justice**—But how if the question comes before the court for decision?

**Hon. F. Ryrie**—The time will come when houses will be built at the Peak to be rented for the summer season.

**The Attorney-General**—It seems to me this is a question, if I may say so, which we ought to thoroughly determine. It is worth discussing, and it is easy to settle it one way or the other.

other. As the Treasurer states, the view of the Government is that under the existing law, if it should ever become a question of law, the houses at the Piskot occupied as they are, are liable for the full amount; they would not be able to obtain a return as unoccupied houses during a portion of the year. That is the view upon which the taxation has been assessed. I think the Council should take the matter into its own hands and not leave the question open as a doubtful question to be determined by the courts, a quite common device to determine what a return can be

allowed for houses unoccupied during a portion of the year. We may provide that the tenement houses, though assessed at a certain rate, and though we know the majority are occupied for only a few months in the year, shall be allowed a reduction in respect of those months when they are not so occupied. Of course the effect of that would be that the houses which have been assessed on the theory that they would pay the full rate would get off very much cheaper, and would do so at the expense of the other residents of the colony.

The Chief Justice.—There are some houses

at the Peak that are not occupied by the owners but are rented out. Suppose one of these houses not to be rented at all. We know some of the owners are absent from the colony. As I understand the Treasurer, they would still be liable. That would be very hard on a landlord who was getting no rent.

The Colonial Treasurer—I would suggest one thing. I agree with the Chief Justice that if a house were vacant the whole year the owner would have a claim for a refund, but in letting a house at the Peak I believe allowance is always made for the period

showance is always made for the period during which it is not occupied. I know of cases in which the offer was made: You can have the house at \$100 a month for the whole year or at \$200 a month for the whole year. Of course if a man lets his house for 6 months only and gets \$200 a month he may be looked upon as getting \$100 a month the year round, and it is not hard to call upon him to pay the taxes on a rental which he is actually getting. The rent in the summer is calculated to cover the rent for the whole year, but in the very improbable event of a house being unoccupied for the whole year I certainly think that under the

Ordinance the owner would be able to recover a refund.

— The Attorney-General—The first thing is for the Council to make up its mind whether a refund shall be allowed or not. The view is that under the law as it stands a refund will not be allowed. If the Council wishes it should be allowed a clause to that effect can be inserted. If we can ascertain the feeling of the Council I shall be happy to embody it; but at present the proposal in the clause shall stand as it is. I don't see my way to propose any amendment myself.

The Chief Justice—I think if it is intended to treat the matter in that way it should be provided that owners occupying their houses for a portion of the year or letting them for a portion of the year shall be liable for the whole; or else that a refund shall be allowed.

It was decided the clause should stand over for further consideration.

The remaining clauses and the schedule were passed without any material amendment.

The Attorney-General—The way the mat-

tor now stands is that section 26 as printed stands over for further consideration, and may possibly have one more section to add as to the powers of the Supreme Court. With reference to section 26 I will prepare two alternative schemes, one providing that a return shall be allowed for the time the houses are prorogued; and the other that it shall not be allowed. I hope we may agree then to read the bill a third time.

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Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Rig.	Tons.	Arrival.	Emigrants or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.

Shipping Vessels									
Adolph	3	c Pocken	Ger.	bg.	256	Nov.	30	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	
Allie Ruwe	3	c Phillips	Flaw.	bg.	340	Oct.	24	Wielor & Co.	Honolulu
Anglo Indian	2	c Richter	Brit.	bqe.	444	Nov.	24	Chihnea	
Arctur	3	c Knoch	Ger.	bqe.	438	Oct.	31	Wielor & Co.	
Arganda	3	c Green	Brit.	bqe.	977	Oct.	30	Messageries Maritimes	
Besie	3	k Barter	Brit.	bgtna.	228	Nov.	10	Siemens & Co.	Colonies
B. H. Steenken	3	k Meyer	Ger.	bg.	235	Aug.	4	Melchers & Co.	
Bua Pan	2	h Saxtorph	Span.	sh.	746	Nov.	18	Order	
Centaur	2	c Offersen	Ger.	bqe.	468	Nov.	12	Wielor & Co.	Singapore.
Centennial	2	c Huxley	Amer.	bg.	1205	Oct.	4	Order	Philippines
Dartmouth	3	c Elliott	Brit.	bqe.	915	Oct.	4	Melchers & Co.	
Duke of Abercorn	3	c Birnie	Brit.	sh.	1050	Oct.	30	Borneo Co., Limited	
Eden	3	c N. Iru	Brit.	bqe.	313	Oct.	25	Wielor & Co.	
Elise	3	h Rowell	Ger.	sh.	1348	Nov.	8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London, &c.
Emily	3	c Watt	Brit.	bg.	298	Nov.	19	Wielor & Co.	
Emily F. Whitney	3	c Williams	Amer.	sh.	1240	Oct.	8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Emory	3	c Dahlberg	Russ.	bg.	271	Nov.	3	Order	
Exeter	3	c Juan Antola	Hon.	sch.	177	Nov.	5	Tai Chung	
Galveston	3	c Stunkel	Ger.	bg.	619	Nov.	29	Chinese	
General Barthaut	3	c Croix	Fch.	bqe.	560	Oct.	8	Carlowitz & Co.	London, &c.
George	3	c Grant	Brit.	bqe.	806	Nov.	20	Captain	
Grandee	3	h Ellis	Brit.	sh.	1576	Oct.	2	Melchers & Co.	San Francisco
Grandeur	3	c Adams	Amer.	sh.	1406	Nov.	9	Order	
Guiding Star	3	ch Huigen	Brit.	bqe.	312	Nov.	28	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	
Helene	3	c Bohrmann	Ger.	Sm. sc.	445	Nov.	27	Wielor & Co.	
Highlander	4	k Bachelder	Amer.	sh.	1290	May	19	Russell & Co.	
Isaac Reed	3	c Colley	Amer.	sh.	1486	Oct.	7	Order	
J. B. Newcomb	2	c Newcomb	Brit.	bqe.	806	Nov.	21	Carlowitz & Co.	London, &c.
John D. Brewer	3	c Johnson	Amer.	bg.	926	Nov.	9	Russell & Co.	Philippines
John D. Kerkley	3	c Kerkley	Brit.	bg.	758	Nov.	31	Siemens & Co.	
Lottie Fairfield	3	h Bingay	Brit.	sch.	164	Nov.	18	Siemens & Co.	
Lucie	3	c Crowley	Brit.	bqe.	640	Oct.	5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London, &c.
Lucie	3	c Lawrence	Amer.	sh.	1320	Nov.	22	Melchers & Co.	K'loon D.
Mary Stewart	3	c Thompson	Brit.	bqe.	434	Nov.	29	Wielor & Co.	
Marcus	3	c Diak	Brit.	bgte.	240	Nov.	13	Order	
Marcus	3	c Coulande	Brit.	bg.	1538	Nov.	30	Douglas Steamship Co.	
Nanaimo	3	c John Dodd	Brit.	bqe.	397	Nov.	6	Yn Won Long	Victoria, B.C.
Nicoia	3	c Foster	Brit.	bqe.	804	Nov.	13	Wielor & Co.	Al'een D.
Nyl Ghan	3	k Butler	Brit.	sh.	1222	Nov.	16	Pustau & Co.	
N. Gibson	3	c Bailey	Amer.	bqe.	704	Sept.	16	Russell & Co.	
Obeson	3	c Farrell	Brit.	sh.	1193	Oct.	19	Russell & Co.	
Oberson	3	c Minet	Amer.	sh.	1193	Oct.	19	Russell & Co.	
Richard Purson	3	c Thordike	Amer.	sh.	1116	Oct.	22	Order	San Francisco
Richard Purson	3	c Barker	Brit.	bg.	473	Nov.	23	Borneo Co., Limited	Co'tan D.
South America	4	c Fowls	Amer.	sh.	1694	Sept.	18	Russell & Co.	New York
Storperion	3	c Gadd	Russ.	bqe.	598	Nov.	11	Captain	
S. D. Carleton	3	c Freeman	Amer.	bqe.	482	July	17	Siemens & Co.	New York
St. Charles Brothers	3	c Kahle	Brit.	sh.	1182	Nov.	6	Captain	Cleared
T. D. T.	3	c Alley	Amer.	sh.	1189	Aug.	28	Pustau & Co.	New York
T'obago	2	k Crosbie	Brit.	bqe.	281	Nov.	7	Gillman & Co.	
Two Boys	3	c Spirling	Amer.	sch.	164	Sept.	11	Blackhead & Co.	
Wandering Jew	3	c Nichols	Amer.	bg.	1650	Nov.	30	Captain	
Villa de Rivadavia	4	k M. de Camus	Span.	bg.	274	Nov.	19	Branda & Co.	

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